
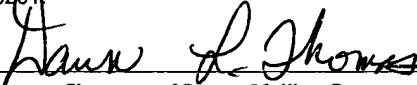


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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 and 12-26, without prejudice.

Amend the following claims:

1. ~~(Amended) An apparatus for use in a wellbore, comprising:~~
2. ~~an element formed of a superplastic material to perform a predetermined~~
3. ~~downhole task; and~~
4. ~~a component including a seal engageable with the element.~~
1. 3. (Amended) An apparatus for use in a wellbore, comprising:
2. an element formed of a superplastic material to perform a predetermined
3. downhole task; and
4. a component including an anchor actuatable by the element.

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